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Mr. Jack Nelson
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Dear Jack:

I just wanted to thank you and the Los Angeles Times for inviting me to the Gridiron dinner again this year. In addition to seeing and talking with you and others from the Los Angeles Times, sitting next to Jim Lehrer was a special treat (particularly when we discovered we both were born in the same hospital and grew up within a few blocks of each other in Wichita).

I thought that this year the Gridiron entertainers themselves were better and funnier than the speakers. Maybe it says something about this election year more generally.

In any event, I really enjoyed myself and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Regards,



Robert M. Gates

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